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HN D'S, MEMORY FLUCTUATES. Mr. John D. Rockefeller, head of Standard Oil Company, has prov disapointing as a witness for the e in the government suit to solve the Standard Oil monopoly America's richest man demonstraton the first day of his examination he possessed a memory which night accurately be described as velous. No detail, however intriate or trivial, relating to the birth infancy of the oil refining enter be had escaped his mind.

That was forty-six years ago and be here Mr. Rockefeller had begun to heak in more than four figures to the

At this stage the railroad rebate be draw-back and other cut-throat ethods of dealing with competitors adn't begun.

For the first half dozen years of business life, Mr. Rockefeller's practices appear to have been honest and above board, and though farthest back in the past, every deal, every less, every sale clung to the magnate's mind as though it were glued and halled.

Under the friendly questioning o be trust attorney, the modern Crofairly radiated with open cando urbane guilelessness. His finshe M kindly humor lent to ordinarit cald and majestic court pro-en stmosphere of house-party geniali-

Everybody said at the close My when Mr. Rockefeller first apluntarily upon the witness "Finally a great captain of stry has been found willing to oll the public the truth—the whole side truth-about the affairs of a Furthermore, the erful trust."

lady of the falling memory seemnot to have blighted the Rocke Ber intellect.

But events of Friday last, whose the Standard Oil colossus was subiling cross les by Special Prosecutor Kellogg ed that Diogenes had blunder He must look further for the al high binder who will tell the when to do so involves a posabstement of the flood of in-

same Rocketeller mentality held in firm clutch every rd Oil transaction in amount adreds and thousands during days of its probity, proved ur to retain anything like a cira tion of achievements that het one and bun ire is of mit one

enterprise became a trus

ler's replies to questions were put with a view to meet g exactly how the great oil lare in eight years, upon

it, and then I will answer. "My mind is somewhat hazy on this

"I cannot state."

"I do net know.

"I cannot say.

Presumably. "I could not tell you without the

"I could not explain from my recol-"The gentleman who negotiated

these contracts would know; I do "You know, Mr. Kellogg, after nearly 40 years, I have no recollecion of these minor matters."

One is prone to inquire, Where Wi he necessity for this old man to stultify himself anew? He can reasonably hope to live but a few years longer and he possesses half a billion dollars or so to tide him over this limited period!

#### THE PUBLIC EXPECTS SOME DE-FINITE ACTION

There have been so many delays in connection with the propose street improvements, for which bond; were sold more than six months ago that the public is getting tired of hearing new excuses for procgastina-Hence, the highways and tion. sewers committee of the city council. when it meets Monday evening to consider the report of the city engineer upon the paving bids opened three veeks ago, will be expected to agreupon some recommendation to the the council without loss of time. Unless the committee's report is ready for the December meeting of the common council, another series of delays will follow and the prediction that no paying will be done this winbe in a fair way for fulfil- the public .

During the past few days there have been rumors to the effect that ome of the councilmen would sug gest that a committee be sent on a our for the purpose of visiting various cities and inspecting paving. If such a trip had been deemed neces sary, it should have been made six months ago. It is too late to talk about such things now. The bids, after six months of costly talk, are in hand, tabulated by the engineer, and it is the duty of the committee to pass up on these bids and let the report go to the council.

It seems unnecessary to again call attention to the fact that the city is paying \$375 a month on the bonds which up to this time have been put to no use, and upon which the city will not realize one cent until payments for paving begin. The delay has cost more than \$2,000 so far, and other States. this is no insignificant amount even in the most prosperous of times.

## BREAKFAST TABLE TAX COMING.

A prominent kepublican newspaper, noted for its friendliness to Speaker Cannon and to the "standpat" policy he represents with regard to the tariff, calls attention to the fact that national appropriations by the present Congress will amount to \$2,000,000,000. The writer predicts aid and majestic court proceedings that the needs of the country wil decades from now. He admits that there is no prospect of the tariff be ing revised to a point admitting in-Without augmen creased imports. tation of imports revenues must stand where they are. The same authority asserts that within ten years we shall have to pay a substantial tariff duty upon tea and coffee or face a dangerous delicit in the national treasury. In

other words, the protected millionaire owners of mills and factories decline to do their part in contributing to the expenses of the government and the alternative is that fur failed. This is what Louisiana and ther tribute shall be levied upon the poor through taxation of the breakfast table.

Republicanism comes high but the country seems determined to have it.

### DEPARTURE OF REV. W. ASSURY CHRISTIAN.

foremost pastors and a man who has been a power for good during his stay in the city. A powerful and con vincing preacher, a man of magnetic personality and an indefatigable worker for his cause, Mr. Christian has built up his church and caused his influence to be felt throughout the community. His friends and admirers, rejoicing over his elevation to the dignity of presiding elder, are glad to know that he will be no farther away than Richmond, and that New port News is a part of the district

Bor. Mr. Dadmun, the new past

ministers in the Virginia Conterence. The congregation is to be congratulated upon securing such a successor to Mr. Christian

Hables are pretty much the same the world over. Three-year-old Pu and

"Tariff and Cannon" are said to be two problems on Mr. Taft's mind, tration.

The latest French naval experiment involved an attempt to navigate a rocky reef with a ten thousand ton armored cruiser. She is still present on the scene of action.

In China anything new is regarded as vulgar, if not absolutely wrong. And in this country we are nearly as bad in the opposite direction.

If there is a Loeb in the house hold of Emperor Bill Hohenzollern at Berlin, he doubtless is "getting his" these days.

The Dutch government wants other peace conference. The job of attending to Castro must not look

inviting.

Like most other men, Mr. Rockete er entertains an opinion of himself that does not coincide with that o

Prince Chun bids fair to be in th Roosevelt-Castro class shortly.

#### TO THE COMMISSION OF FISHER IE6.

To the Commission of Fisheries Virginia, now assembled in session The Times-Dispatch respectfully begs leave to submit—

That many skilled oystermen have left Virginia by reason of their inability to earn a living on the nat-ural rocks, and the State thereby has ost valuable citizens.

That the tongers now working it the James River are only eking out existence or actually orking at a loss.

That the planters, because of the scarcity and consequent high price of seed oysters, are unable to compete with States more favorably situated

That the oyster markets one supplied by Virginia are therefore supplied by Virginia are therefore rapidly and necessarily falling into the bands of Connecticut, New Jersey. Rhode Island, Texas, Louisiana and

That trade once lost is only re-covered, if at all, with difficulty and

That both the planters and tonger

That both the planters and tongers admit depletion of natural beds and the shortage of seed oysters. That the depletion of natural beds and shortage of seed oysters are primarily responsible for the present crisis in the oyster industry.

As to the suggestions, there is an equal unanimity of opinion.

The tongers want more oysters, which is to say more work. The

which is to say more work. planters want cheaper oysters, which is to ray wider markets. The Com-mission of Fisheries in its last report specifically says that planting must

cult to obtain an agreement. fore The Times-Dispatch again poses that the Commission of eries, in conjunction with the U States Fish Commission, make a sur vey of James River for the purpos of determining, first, the extent the remaining natural oyster beds. second, their producing capacity third, the possibility of their restora and the time required thereo can make recommendation which any legislator, even though, he come from the Piedmont or southwest, cannot fail to understand. This is what Mary Texas did in order to build up their oyster trade. This is what Virginia must do if the great natural re-sources in the oyster beds of her waters are not to be utterly dissi-

The press of Virginia has laid indis putable facts before the Commissi of Pisheries and there is no longe excuse for temporizing of In Rev. W. Asbury Christian, who preaches his last sermon as pastor of preaches and exact information is the people wint, nor meaning as gentlement of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of preaches his last sermon as pastor of commission of commission of commission of commiss Dispatch.

NEEDED IN THE SENATES what character should we profer? The grave and approved though of not that promises dignity and r od judg of proved ability in isans, popularity is sometime; accept than knowledge of practica rivice we might suppose that solid ac quinements and fitness to serve wou ort News in a part of the district prevail over such qualities as achieve and the early stages of consumer which he will preside.

Nor. Mr. Dadmun, the new pastor of the such prevail over the prevail over the prevail over the prevail over such qualities as achieve and the early stages of consumers which he will preside.

The prefere we are surprised to find der guirantee at All Drangists the New York World speecking to and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. prevail over such qualities as achieve success independent of efficiency, mor-ality or sound judgment.

Received's election to the senate le-cause of any personal liking for him. As president it has a named bim severely. He is a man of mordinan-egotism, of intemperate speech, of egotism, of intemperate speech, or reckless impulses and thickly judg-ment. He stands for vicious policies

and stoops to the arts of The world over. Three-year-old value and stoops to the arts of the design of the standing of the second, "that millions of people, but 300,999,999 of these may go to blazes for all Pu YI cares." He is crying for his old nave only one vote. Within his South American country, but you sphere he would be a useful senator needn't look for it on the map because of his familiarity with public it ain't there—" affairs and his experience in adminis-If such a character to advocated to

This is a pretty good cargo even if represent the great state of New York the President elect has a brain in proportion to his body.

The present the great state of New York in the scrute, how can other states be expected to choose more wisely? State pose in a like this found them? in the majority at a cries of the na-tion's history? We believe that the unnecessary and productive of cula militons, effects. Theodore Rosa velt as one of those most chartly responsible for it every though it has not been of the content to the term though the state option of a fine." proved that he ordered the Maine to
Havana. That he saw only his own second ancient mariner.

opportunity in the conflict and placed "Well, sir, Bill and "Well, sir, Bill and "Well, sir, Bill and "Well, sir, Bill and "Well opportunity in the country in se of his Fedora the next day, filled with inno country can only be denied by those cence about the passage of incriminat who would don't him the ability to see the danger and the cost of the war in the danger and the cost of the as mamate effects on this country— not the danger of det at, not the cod only in men or money, but in the de-moralization that always follows war-and the degradation of the conultimate effects on this country and the degradation of the national aracter implied in our anxiety to

> en to the senate in the original six, "What are you in for?" said we scheme of our government, what lit need has the propost discharged? In accepting Roosevelt, will not New York but duplicate in another form the mistake she made in electing Fratty in the World means that New York must take Roosevelt or Reof and the many said. "I was telling a friend about the wisdom of my infant take Roosevelt or Reof and the many said." Third many said. "I was telling a friend about the wisdom of my infant child and they seized me." Third must take Roosevelt or Reot, and that it prefers the former, why not say so risher than advocate Roosevel, as

Southern states have been criticaed for sending Tillman and Davis and others of unbridled manner or head-long character, Roosevelt can do more harm than a dozen senators from the South who, in themselves, might be equally objectionable, because Rooserela in the senate would prove a 1 ader if not a bos; because of the popular support he might command. Florida Times-l'nion.

WITH THE PARAGRAPHERS.

The kaiser has found it necessary to take Mr. Von Buelow into the firm of "Me und Gott."—Washington Post.

Can you recognize a moral on sight? A member has just resigned from "mothers' club" in Boston under conviction that her children need her

But, we submit, Dr. Parkhurst never thought of resigning until the sheat skirt came on the job.—Milwauke Sentinel.

One need not "look so sober" in Sa vanuab merely tecause it is a prohi-bition town.—Charleston News and

suppose Judge Taft will comdown from Augusta whenevery thirsty.—Charleston

Master William Howard Taft Valdez, of Colorado is ten days old and weighs twenty-five pounds. The youngster certainly appears to realize his duties in the premises.—Washing

It must be admitted that the out side press doesn't take kindly to Charles P. Taft's senatorial candidacy. And the same is largely true of the in-side press as well.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There has been no rise in the price of meat for a long time, perhaps he cause the packers are walting until we get some money.—New York World.

Since William R. Hearst paid that to feed him. social call at the White House we won the spent a great deal of time won dering whether there is a light in the had to pass another order still further Richmond Times-Dispatch

"First in War, Etc."

The phrase. 'Pirst in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen,' was first applied to Washington by Henry Lee of Virginia in a enlogy delivered in the house of representatives, December 26, 1799. He had previously introduced a resolution that a committee be ap inted to consider the most suital or to the first manner of paying hor president of the United States.

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## THE LAND OF FEDORA

A Country That Has Long Since Passed Away

"Ha! ha!" cried the first ancient

"And this is why," said the second.
"And this is why," said the first.
The ruler of Fedora was an uneasy of New York kind of a potentate, always wanting other states be laws to be passed. The people musta't Sup- do this under penalty, and they mostn't do that under penalty, and with one thing and another it went from bad to worse until he had a

"Well, sir, Bill and me landed in cence about the passage of incriminat-ing regulations, and we made a few remarks, promiscous, about a sea serpent or two, a day's run we made things like that -

"Thinking no barm."

"And first thing we knew we were tight. But we hadn't been in long when another string of prison on a recent fishing expedition they seized me.' Fourth man and they seized me." said: I was telling an old fogy that I was glad too see him and they eized me.' Fifth man said: 1 telling the boys that my wife didn't and they seized me.' Sixth man said I vas telling a stranger how fast my horse could trot, and here I am.

" Senors,' said I, as they all began o groun, rest casy, for I feel an apprehension that we shall soon have "A lot of company," corrected the

"Muy ruchendos," said the second. And while I was still making the observation about the propinquity of company the dows swung open again and a dozen more prisoners were cast into the cells. Three were merchants, three were lawyers, one was the weather man, one was a buckster who had been crying 'Fresh fish,' one was caught saying that the plumbing was in good order, one was a painless dentist and the other two had been eaught signing business letters Yours

truly.""
This is outragiosos, said one "Mally! But some one shall suffer for this!" said another, and the rest egan to gnaw their nalls and hiss be-

tween their teeth.
"Senors,' said I, 'fear not, for un ess I greatly mistake the signs and portents, Fedora is in for larks."

Whereupon the two ancient mariers made merry and were glad

"By eight o'clock that night we were six in a cell," said the first. By nine o'clock we were ten in a cell," said the second.

"fly ten o'clock they were stuffing them into the courtyard," said the

"And still they came. In the morn ng the court had to sign an order enlarging the confines of the jail to in clude the market place and the grand opera house and before noon the order was amended to include the regi mental barracks, the racetrack and all the public parks. Feeding the pris-oners became a serious problem and when a cook got tired all be had to do was to tell about a storm seen once where the bailstones were as big as hens' eggs and immediately he was placed under arrest, and in stead of feeding others somebody had

"Well, sir, the prisoners came in by include all that territory lying within the boundaries of Fedora. Next moraing there was no breakfast and you ought to have heard the way the pris one's howled, insisting on their consti tutional rights to be fed.

" But, senors, the cooks are all in jail, sald a voice.

" Then let the judges pardon them. cried the prisoners nors, the judges are in jail

too,' said the voice Then let the legislature pardon them:

Hist the legislature is also in jail, said the voice. "Then we'll elect a new legisla

ture,' said the people But you can't,' said the voice, 'it is the law that any man who is imprishall lose his right to vote and there isn't a free man in Fedora to

ruler a prisoner, too? "Yes, said the voice, 'somebody called me a fool and I called him a

Har-but on reflection I gave my self up. "And that," said the first ancient

mariner, "was the end of Fedora."
"And that," said the second ancient mariner, is why you needn't look for't on the map."

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